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# CRESTWOOD ADVISER

## The Crestwood Fire Department HEALTH & FAMILY FUN FAIR



Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Nathan Hale Middle School 135<sup>th</sup> & Laramie, Crestwood

Fun for the whole family and a worthy cause are the agenda when the Crestwood Fire Department hosts the 18th Annual Health & Family Fun Fair. The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 10th, from 9:00am-1:00pm at Nathan Hale Middle School (135th & Laramie, Crestwood), and is a fundraiser for the purchase of much-needed firefighting, training and communications equipment to enable Crestwood’s firefighters to perform their jobs to peak efficiency and maximize their lifesaving ability. In the past, moneys raised have afforded the Crestwood Fire Department to purchase heart defibrillators, the Jaws of Life, thermal-imaging cameras and other innovations that have been used hundreds of times to save the lives of area residents.

More than 3,000 people typically attend the Health & Family Fun Fair each year. The event features an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, fire-prevention awards distributed to children and schools, and a raffle featuring many prizes graciously donated by businesses in our area.

Representatives from Walmart’s pharmacy will be present to issue flu shots, and once again, Ingalls Memorial Hospital has agreed to have a full team

of personnel on hand to draw blood at reduced rates to screen for anemia, cardiac risk, cholesterol levels, diabetes, prostate cancer and thyroid risk. (Those intending on receiving blood work are urged to fast prior to having blood drawn; those who have not fasted will be able to purchase coupons allowing them to take the reduced-fee tests at a later date.) If you do not have insurance, or if you have a high deductible, this is a great opportunity to receive potentially lifesaving services at a reduced rate.

### Win an Autographed Blackhawks Stanley Cup Team Hockey Stick!

Thanks to an incredibly generous donor, attendees of the 18th Annual Health & Family Fun Fair will have the opportunity to win a hockey stick autographed by the entire 2015 Stanley Cup-winning Blackhawks squad. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 apiece. The prize has an estimated value of \$2,500.

## Letter From the Mayor

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

I am writing to inform you that a settlement opportunity has resulted from negotiations between our village attorneys and plaintiff attorneys over alleged negligence by Village workers and administrators in regard to water distribution.

Under the terms of this proposed agreement, all of the three hundred and sixty (360) lawsuits filed against the village would be settled and the Village freed from the uncertainty that has plagued us for the past several years.

Under this proposed agreement, the Village would pay a total of \$12 million. The majority of this

amount could be paid from a loan for \$9 million, and the remainder from our general revenue funds. An additional \$3 million would be paid on behalf of the Village to the Plaintiffs by one of our insurers, Hartford Insurance Company.

Make no mistake, \$12 million is a substantial amount of money. It is however, a far cry from the original \$2 billion that was initially suggested when these lawsuits first hit the village. While theoretically, we could refuse to agree to this settlement and take each and every case to trial, to do so would cost us millions of dollars. Even if the Village is exonerated in all of those individual trials, as we would expect, the defense costs alone

potentially could cost more than the proposed settlement amount. Keep in mind that we would be faced with taking individual cases to trial, one at a time, for several weeks per trial. Such a long, drawn out process would cost millions in attorney fees, take years to resolve and, most importantly, provide no absolute guarantee that we would prevail in each and every lawsuit. There is always some small risk in taking any case to trial, no matter how right you may be in your position, especially if you are faced with the prospect of as many as 360 such trials continuing for many years. In addition, over the many years

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## Crestwood’s Halloween Pet Parade

Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 1:00pm

At Walker Park (13900 Laramie)

Raffles, Prizes, Adorable Pets

No aggressive pets allowed • Clean up after your pet

All pets must have current vaccinations and be leashed

For more information: <http://villageofcrestwoodil.gov/>





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# Village Meeting Schedule

## Village Board Meetings - 8:00pm-10:00pm

**Crestwood Civic Center** | 14025 Kostner Ave | October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Committee of the Whole - 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

## Planning Commission – Zoning Board 8:30pm-10:00pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

## Recreation Commission - 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Village Hall** | 13840 S. Cicero Ave | October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

## Letter From the Mayor *(continued from page 1)*

such a resolution would take, property values in Crestwood might be impacted by uncertainty and small commercial property owners might be concerned about investing in our village.

Your Village Board voted unanimously to pursue the loan money that would be necessary to pay for this proposed settlement. They did so for a variety of reasons, including:

1. The entire \$9 million bond issuance will be paid for by earmarking 25 percent of the existing one percent sales tax to pay off the bonds. The financial method needed to pay for the proposed settlement already exists through a sales tax and seventy-five percent of those funds are generated by non-residents shopping in our village.
2. Accepting this settlement would have **NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON CITIZENS OF CRESTWOOD**. No new tax. No increase in existing taxes. No new user fees. No increase in user fees.
3. Accepting this settlement would have **NO IMPACT ON PLANNED VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS**. Flood control projects will continue, sidewalk installations will continue, street and beautification projects will continue without any impact what so ever.
4. Accepting this settlement would have **NO IMPACT ON PLANNED PROPERTY TAX REBATES TO RESIDENTS OF CRESTWOOD**.
5. Putting this issue behind us will send a resounding signal to the World that Crestwood has put its finances in order and its future could not be brighter. That message will open the gates to improved property value for every resident of our village and take away any concerns that commercial and residential property developers might have about the future of our village.

I know that not everyone will be happy with this agreement. Those who sued us may feel they should be awarded more. On the other hand, many Crestwood residents feel that no one should receive a penny because Illinois EPA determined, our experts have concluded, and test results prove that our water was never a health problem. But

even though we would expect eventually to prevail in these lawsuits, it is time to put this issue to rest and move our village forward. It is time to unite behind a resolution that ensures our own prosperity as well as that of future Crestwood residents.

I urge every resident of Crestwood to challenge those who may disagree with this proposed settlement to answer two very simple questions:

1. What is their plan to deal with the current 360 lawsuits?
2. What will their plan cost our village?

I and your elected Trustees have all reviewed the alternatives, spoken with the experts and agreed unanimously that the current settlement opportunity is the best option available to our village. As a consequence, in the very near future you and your family may once more be free to awaken each day in a village filled with promise. Your police and fire departments will always be there to protect you. Your streets will not only be kept free and safe from snow but will be modernized and made more attractive. Your parks will always be open, clean and safe for our children. And every man, woman and child who passes through our community will feel the pulse of progress as our village continues its transformation into a modern, thriving community, embracing a future filled with promise for all of its residents.

Once more, I humbly thank each of you for having placed your trust in me to be your Mayor and to lead our village out from beneath the cloud of these lawsuits.

*Thank you and God bless you.*

Mayor Lou Presta





## Flood Control Project to Save Area Residents From Insurance Expenses



Thursday, September 17th, Trustee Theresa Flynn and Mayor attended the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Thanks to the efforts of Mayor Lou Presta and the Trustees in working with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), Crestwood residents in the Playfield subdivision and the immediately surrounding area can expect relief from flooding and flood insurance costs in the coming years. The MWRD will begin its project this fall to clean and broaden the section of Tinley Creek east of Central Ave. that empties into the Cal Sag. The project is expected to cost about \$7.2 million.

A contract was awarded to Industria Inc., of Chicago, to remove the debris that currently impedes the creek's flow, and to stabilize its banks and control erosion. "There's trash, fallen trees, stumps and even the sides of the creek have washed out," Trustee Dan Jurka told the Daily Southtown. "The water will flow a lot freer [after the project is completed.]"

The plan will increase the creek's capacity for runoff during major storms, and also includes the replacement of three pedestrian bridges that cross the waterway.

The area currently affected by the flooding extends roughly from 127th and 130th Streets on the north and south, and W. Playfield Dr. and Central Ave. on the east and west, according to Presta. "It's a big job," he said.

Most of the work is expected to be complete about a year from now, with the final work slated to be finished in October 2019. The project, which the Village has been working with the MWRD for the past three years to facilitate, will provide flood protection for 173 homes in the area. According to Mayor Lou Presta and Trustee Jurka, the work will save homeowners roughly \$1,500-\$2,000 a year in flood insurance costs, as well as the inconvenience of coping with flooding in their homes.

## Public Notice - Village Parking



Crestwood Village ordinance prohibits parking on *any* village street between 2am and 6am. The reason for this ordinance is so police will be alerted to abandoned vehicles or suspicious vehicles that require investigations. This ordinance also ensures that all streets throughout the Village will be open to fire and rescue equipment in the event of an

overnight emergency. This is especially necessary in areas where narrow streets can block large fire trucks. We will continue to enforce this ordinance. Thank you for your cooperation with this ordinance. The initial fine for this violation is \$75.00. This is a Village-wide ordinance.

**PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR LATE NIGHT AND OVERNIGHT GUESTS ARE MADE AWARE OF THIS AS WELL!**


## 'Tip-A-Cop' Event at Barraco's to Help Special Olympics Illinois

On **Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015**, Crestwood police officers will once again give new meaning to the “serve” in their mission to protect and serve, as they will work alongside Barraco’s Pizza staff to help raise money for and awareness of Special Olympics Illinois (SOIL). The officers will be taking and delivering orders from 4:00-9:00pm, with 15 percent of the cost of each meal going to benefit Special Olympics. Special live entertainment and raffles will add to the festivities. So come on out and enjoy a night out with great food, great company and an opportunity to help Special Olympics by leaving an extra tip in support of your Crestwood police. Call **(708) 926-7240** for more information.

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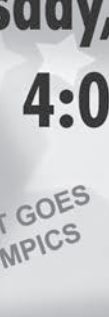




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**FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS**

Come "get served" by Crestwood law enforcement, who will work alongside Barraco's Pizza staff to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Illinois (SOIL). Customers are encouraged to leave a special "tip" for the officers, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting SOIL.

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

**4:00 -9:00 p.m.**

15% OF MEAL COST GOES TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



SPECIAL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT! RAFFLES!

**Call 708.926.7240 for more info.**

# Is Your Trailer, Camper or Boat Parked Legally?

Residents parking their trailers, campers or boats in Crestwood should be aware of the Village ordinance regarding the proper storage of such vehicles. To ensure that you are in compliance, please be aware of the ordinance as it is written:

**§ 159.126 TRAILER, CAMPER AND BOAT PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

**(B)** Parking restrictions in residential districts. No travel trailer, boat, boat trailer or commercial trailer, as herein defined, shall be parked or stored within three feet of any lot line nor within any front yard of R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts, as defined by §§ 159.004, 159.033 and 159.047.

## Slow Down and Keep Our Kids Safe

For the second year in a row, the Crestwood Police Department will start the summer with a campaign to educate the motorist, encouraging all drivers to slow down in residential neighborhoods.

To show your support and to remind drivers to slow down, all residents are invited to display one of our yard signs, reminding the drivers of our “Child-Friendly Neighborhoods.” Signs are available at the police department for \$10.







Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand and several of Crestwood's finest patrolled Chicago Ridge so that its police officers could attend the funeral of one of their own.



## Crestwood Police Department Helps Cover Chicago Ridge to Honor Fallen Officer

On September 13th, 2015, the Chicago Ridge Police Department and the Smith family suffered a tragic loss. Officer Steve Smith was involved in a traffic crash that claimed his young life. This accident was a significant loss for our brothers and sisters in Chicago Ridge. Chicago Ridge Police Chief Rob Pyznarski requested Chief Weigand to patrol the streets of Chicago Ridge and answer calls for the Chicago Ridge Police so that all members of the Department could attend the funeral for Officer Steve Smith and pay their final respects to their brother. With the support of Mayor Presta and the Village Trustees, Chief Weigand didn't hesitate to tell Chief Pyznarski that it would be an honor for the Crestwood Police Department to cover their backs in their time of need.

On Sept. 19th, at 0700 hours, Chief Weigand and seven Crestwood Police officers suited up, packed their squad cars with equipment and stuffed animals and headed to the Chicago Ridge Police Department to assume their patrol duties. They were met by a very grateful and grieving group of police officers who were dressed in their best uniforms, ready to stand tall for Steve and give him the farewell that he deserved for his commitment to the safety and well being of all of the residents and visitors that he swore to protect.

One Crestwood Police Officer, along with Chicago Ridge Officers headed to the funeral as the remaining Crestwood officers hit the streets of Chicago Ridge. While patrolling and answering calls, the officers had an additional mission. It was a simple one — in each officer's squad car were about 20 stuffed animals with a message attached. The message was rolled up and attached to each stuffed animal with a rubber band, and simply said, "Remember Police Officer Steve Smith." They had the Crestwood Police Patch next to the Memory Star created for Steve. Weigand and the other officers just wanted to make sure, as hundreds of people watched the funeral procession wind through the streets of Chicago Ridge, that they knew a police officer was there. They wanted mourners to know that they weren't grieving alone and that hundreds of people from many villages around them were also grieving with them. The animals were a big hit with the children and left smiles all over that village, on a day that needed as many smiles as could be found.

Steve Smith, thank you for your service to the Chicago Ridge Police Department and thank you for your service to this great country when you served with the United States Marine Corps. Rest easy, Devil Dog. We've got it from here.

## Chalk Up One More Milestone, Chief Dave Weigand

Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand recently completed 40 years in law enforcement. Dave started his career as a police officer in Chicago Ridge in 1973, following in the footsteps of his late father, John, who was a police captain in Oak Lawn.

Dave left Chicago Ridge in 1988 to join the newly formed police department of the Illinois Commerce Commission. He retired after 10 years as police chief in 2003. He then went to work for the Crestwood Police Department, where he was appointed chief by Mayor Presta in 2013.

During his career, Dave has graduated from two prestigious institutions of higher learning, the FBI National Academy and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute of Police Staff and Command.

Chief Weigand has served as president of the Greater Cook County Council of Chiefs, president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and has been a member of the Executive Board of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police since 1995. He was recently appointed chairman of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

Dave has been married to his wife, Blanche, for 14 years. She has been the assistant to the chief of the Illinois Commerce Commission for 42 years. His daughter, Kelly, recently graduated from Bradley University with honors, and is pursuing her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

The village has been lucky to have such a highly recognized and qualified police chief working in our village. He has set high standards and has brought the police force to a higher level of service for all the residents and businesses in town.



Crestwood Police Chief Dave Weigand recently celebrated 40 years in law enforcement.



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## Police Cadet Explorer Program

The Crestwood Police Department is looking for youths between the ages of 14 and 19 who may be interested in joining our Cadet/Explorer program. While we do quite a few activities and much training that are law enforcement-related, the main purpose of this program is to help these young people to develop good communication and leadership skills. We also provide training with other agencies, including Cook County Department of Homeland Security, Illinois State Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, FBI, DEA, Secret Service and others. Applications are available at the Crestwood Police Station Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 9pm, and 8:30am to noon Saturday.





*Mayor Presta and the Board of Trustees have heard the requests of many to report crimes in our Village. Working with our Police Department, a compiled snapshot of a month’s reporting will be shown here in the Adviser. Our intent is to inform the public in order to protect and be vigilant in calling upon our Police. The Mayor urges all to stay tuned in to your neighbors’ well-being and property. Call our police, report suspicious activity, be aware. (911 or Dispatch non-Emergency 708-385-5131).*

**Deceptive Practice**

08-04-2015: A resident reported that as she was checking her recent banking transactions, she discovered unauthorized transactions that had occurred at a Verizon store. It was discovered that someone had used her identity to make the purchases.

08-05-2015: A resident reported that he attempted to purchase a motorcycle online from a private seller on Ebay. After making a wire transfer of \$9,000, it was discovered that this was a fraudulent transaction.

08-16-2015: A resident reported while she was online checking her credit report, she discovered that her rating had dropped. It was discovered that someone used her identity to purchase three cell phones at Verizon in Chicago.

08-17-2015: An elderly resident reported that he received a phone call about work that he had recently had done on his computer. The caller wanted to send a \$342 refund and requested the victim’s bank information to make the transfer. The next day, the victim discovered that \$3,999 had actually been deposited into his account. The victim contacted the caller, who said it was a “clerical error” and asked him to return \$3,800 and that he could keep \$199 for his inconvenience. The victim then made two Moneygram wire transfers to the caller in Thailand. The victim later realized that the money had actually been transferred from his own account.

08-18-2015: A woman reported that after having her purse stolen in Chicago, unknown suspects withdrew \$1,148 from her Chase accounts.

08-22-2015: An elderly woman was leaving Walmart when she was approached by two men who claimed to have found a bag of money. The men convinced the woman to drive them to Ultra Foods in Alsip, where they took turns going into the store. Afterward, they had the woman go to her bank and withdraw \$5,000, and promised to compensate her in bonds and dividends. The suspects then had the woman drop them off again.

08-24-2015: A victim reported that he received an e-mail from www.ratingfastapps.com that said he could earn cash by completing surveys. The victim registered with the site and a check was sent to him in the amount of \$1,999. The instructions explained that the victim had to shop at any Walmart with the funds that were provided and that \$1,007 of the funds needed to be wired to an individual in Spain. The victim deposited the check into his bank account, completed the wire transfer and was later contacted by his bank about the check being fraudulent.

08-27-2015: A woman reported that there were unauthorized transactions made on her Fifth Third Bank Debit Card.

**Thefts**

08-03-2015: A resident reported that unknown suspects had stolen several packages that she had delivered in the mail in the 142nd block of Kilpatrick.

08-16-2015: It was reported that a gun was stolen from a business teaching a concealed carry class in the 4700 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

08-17-2015: Unknown suspects entered an unlocked vehicle and removed a laptop computer and spare change in the 5200 block of James Lane.

08-19-2015: It was reported that an unknown subject had entered a vehicle and removed a bag containing hockey equipment. Later in the day, the suspect was arrested as he tried to sell the equipment to Play It Again Sports in Oak Lawn.

08-20-2015: It was reported that a locker was broken into at Xsport Fitness and that a wallet, cell phone and car keys were removed. The suspect then used the car keys to enter the victim’s car in the parking lot and removed additional items.

08-24-2015: It was reported that a locker was broken into at Xsport Fitness and that a wallet was stolen.

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08-25-2015: It was reported that unknown suspects entered a vehicle in the 5200 block of James Lane and took several items.

08-26-2015: An iPhone that was left unattended was stolen from Xsport Fitness.

**Retail Thefts**

08-09-2015: A male was arrested after attempting to steal \$387 worth of merchandise from Walmart. The subject attempted to run from officers but was apprehended after a short foot chase. The suspect refused to give the officers any information, so he had to be fingerprinted to learn his identity. After being fingerprinted, it was discovered that he was also wanted on a warrant for retail theft. He was charged with felony theft, resisting a peace officer and obstructing identification.

08-11-2015: A male and female were arrested at Walmart and charged with retail theft after he attempted to steal \$104 worth of merchandise and she attempted to steal \$128 worth of merchandise.

08-14-2015: A male was arrested at Walmart and charged with retail theft after attempting to steal \$187 worth of electronics.

08-26-2015: A female was arrested at Walmart after attempting to steal \$44.93 worth of merchandise. She was unable to be issued a local citation due to having a prior arrest for retail theft.

**20 people were issued local ordinance citations for retail theft during the month of August.**

**No License/Suspended Driver Arrest**

08-01-2015: A male was arrested at Midlothian Turnpike and Kostner Ave. and charged with speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol.

08-06-2015: A male was arrested after being involved in an accident and charged with driving with a suspended license at 135th and Cicero Ave.

08-08-2015: A male was arrested in the 140th block of Cicero Ave. after being involved in an accident. He was issued citations for not having a valid drivers license.

08-11-2015: A male was arrested at 134th and Kolmar Ave. for having an expired drivers license after being involved in an accident.

08-22-2015: A male was arrested in the 4800 block of Cal-Sag Road and charged with disobeying a traffic control signal, driving with a suspended license, operating a vehicle without insurance and having a registration that was suspended for non-insurance violations.

08-25-2015: A female was arrested in the 132nd block of Rivercrest Drive and charged with driving with a suspended license.

**Burglary**

08-30-2015: A resident reported that when he returned to his residence in the 140th block of Kilpatrick Ave., he discovered that someone had entered his apartment through an open bedroom window and took several items, including a laptop, and other electronic devices.

**Criminal Damage**

08-01-2015: Unknown suspects damaged the side of a vehicle by causing a three-foot scratch in the 5300 block of 131st Street.

08-03-2015: Unknown suspects broke five outdoor lights in the 136th block of Lamon.

08-03-2015: A juvenile was arrested after officers observed him damaging the outdoor chairs at Elim Christian School.

08-19-2015: It was reported that two vehicles were broken into in the 140th block of James Lane. One of the vehicles had the gas siphoned out and several items were taken from the other vehicle.

08-22-2015: It was reported that a black pickup truck had damaged a residential lawn in the 5200 block of 131st street.

**Ordinance Violation**

08-03-2015: A vehicle was stopped and the driver issued citations for speeding and possession of cannabis in the 4400 block of Midlothian Turnpike.

08-13-2015: A vehicle was stopped and the driver issued citations for speeding and possession of cannabis in the 4500 block of Cal-Sag Road.

08-22-2015: Officers responded to a complaint of fireworks in the 142nd block of Lavergne. While in the area, they observed a subject ignite three different explosive devices. The subject was issued a citation for Illegal Use of Fireworks.

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## Elks Club Hosts 5th Annual First Responder Lunch

On Friday, Sept. 11, the Chicago South Elks Club hosted its 5th Annual First Responder Lunch, honoring the men and women who uphold the law and keep us safe here in Crestwood. It's a tradition that the Elks, according to Chicago South Elks Club Operations Manager Bill Mier, are pleased to continue. "For the last five years, we have been sponsoring the First Responders Lunch, where we invite the police and fire departments from Crestwood and Midlothian to join us for a lunch," he said.



The date of this year's event, of course, was no accident. "We try to coincide it with Sept. 11th, as long as it's possible, and for the last few years, it has been." A robust meal was shared by many of Crestwood's finest, who enjoyed being recognized, as well as the opportunity of sharing a great meal together.

**BELOW** (left to right) Police Chief Dave, Sgt. Wayman and Commander Alexander took part in the annual First Responders Lunch sponsored by the Chicago South Elks Club. Crestwood Fire Chief Jon Bruce enjoys a moment of levity at the 5th Annual First Responders Lunch.



## A Great Summer for Special Olympics

This has been another great summer for the Crestwood Police Department and our involvement with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Not only has the Crestwood Police been doing some fundraising for Special Olympics, but this year, several of our local businesses have joined in helping raise money as well.

The Longford Pub wanted to be involved and started off by raffling an official Blackhawks jacket with the winner being selected on the last game of the season. They also organized a golf outing, which raised more than \$3,000!

Old Town Pub got involved and was selling tickets to the Harley Davidson raffle at their "Bike Night" and then organized their first "Plane Pull" team that competed at O'Hare Airport. Not only did their team pull the plane 12 feet in 7.97 seconds, they raised close to \$1,000 in doing so.

At The Office hosted a special event and brought in the crowd with a small cover charge as a donation. Customers received food and drink specials, as well as tug-o-war competitions and other activities in the parking lot.

ProShred Security generously donated their services again for our annual Document Shredding event at the police station, at which residents got rid of any old documents with personal information in exchange for a small donation for Special Olympics.

Culver's raised money during the whole month of June, and on June 30th, hosted "Butter Burgers & Badges," where the officers and athletes were on

hand to meet and greet the customers. Now in the upcoming future, we have our annual Tip-A-Cop at Barraco's on Thursday, October 22nd from 4:00-9:00pm. Uniformed police officers will be serving and protecting in a new way as they take over the duties of the wait staff. These officers will be working extra hard trying to earn those extra tips for the Special Olympics. Barraco's will also be donating 15 percent of your bill to the event. Please come out for a night of fun and have some great food. We look forward to seeing you.

In 2014, we raised more than \$72,000, and with this continued support, we are on track to surpass that amount this year!

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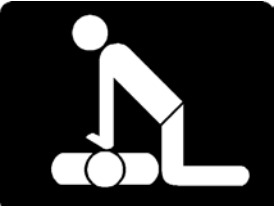
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Village Hall

13840 S. Cicero Ave

6:00-10:00 pm

All students must be registered with village hall prior to day of class.

Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

FF/PM Chrysa Jonas - CPR Coordinator

Call 708-371-4805 or email Cjonas@villageofcrestwoodil.gov





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**FALL FESTIVAL 2015—HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 — 2:00 to 5:00 PM**  
*(12 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER)*

*Trunk or Treating begins at 2:00 PM / Halloween Party begins at 2:30 PM*

- Costume Contests (Ages 3 to 12)
  - Party Begins Inside at 2:30 PM
  - Guessing Games and a DJ
  - Bounce Houses / Inflatables
  - Magic Show (2 show times)
  - Suburban Party Characters
- Goodie Bags and Raffle Prizes
  - Trunk/Treating Begins at 2:00 PM
  - Crestwood Fire Department
  - Crestwood Police Department
  - Crestwood Emergency Management
  - Bennie’s Pizza (selling pizza & more)

**TRUNK OR TREATING BEGINS AT 2:00 PM**

Included in the registration fee, this family fun event is done in the parking lot of the rec center beginning at 2:00 PM with parents and children together. Registered participants will receive a ticket that will provide them the opportunity to collect treats from vehicles of local businesses and those “hosting a trunk”. Trunk/Treating is limited to the 1st, 350 kids that arrive that day. Tickets will be handed out beginning at 1:45 PM. **In the case of inclement weather, the CRWC may cancel the trunk or treat part of the event that day.**

**CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS ONLY**

**\$6.00 Per Child** (In Advance)  
**Pre-Register by 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24 for \$6.00 per child** at the Crestwood Rec & Wellness Center or pay \$8.00 per child at the door on the day of the event.  
**Parents and kids 2 years and younger are free.**  
All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**My Family would like to “HOST A TRUNK”.** Volunteering to “HOST A TRUNK”, means providing candy for at least 350 kids as they trunk or treat in the parking lot of the rec center beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 25th. Prizes will be awarded to the family with the best decorated car. Limited to 40 cars! Volunteer “HOST A TRUNK” families will receive an email with more information prior to the event. Thanks!

First and Last Name\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the bottom of this sheet by October 17th to the CRWC, 5331 W. 135th Street, Crestwood, IL  
**Any questions, please call 708-371-4800, ext 2014 or email: [trunktreat2015@yahoo.com](mailto:trunktreat2015@yahoo.com)**



# St. Christopher School Open House on October 18th

St. Christopher School will be having an Open House for all prospective school families on Sunday, October 18th from 10:30am - 12:30pm.

All prospective school families are invited to visited to visit our school, tour our facilities, and meet with our faculty, students and stuff. We are proud of what our school has to offer your child, including:

- Lower tuition rates than neighboring Catholic schools
- Financial aid scholarships available
- Before & after extended day care, 6:30am-6pm
- Year-round child care available (6:30am - 6pm) with our summer camp program
- Integrated technology program
- Spiritual development
- Preschool academy for 3 and 4-year olds
- Curriculum aligned to common core standards
- Music, Band, Art, Spanish, Athletics & more!

Our open houses are great opportunity for you and your child to learn about our school in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. For further information, please visit [www.stchrisschool.org/openhouse](http://www.stchrisschool.org/openhouse) or call at **708-385-8776**. We hope you come join our family.



## St. Christopher Seeks Volunteers for 2015-16 School Year

St. Christopher Parish and School is seeking volunteers for the upcoming school year. St. Christopher thrives and survives by its many dedicated volunteers.

Volunteering is a great way to learn some new skills, meet some new people, make a difference, and have some fun. Volunteers have a wide range of activities to choose from and can volunteer as much or as little as one chooses. It is rewarding to spend an hour with a children helping them learn how to read or do some math work.

If you are interested, in volunteering, please visit [www.stchrisschool.org/volunteer](http://www.stchrisschool.org/volunteer)  
For more information, and call the school office at **708-385-8776**.

## Record Enrollment, Robust Results for Early Start



(left to right): Shepard High School science teacher Megan Brewczynski, who also graduated from Shepard, leads an experiment testing the effects of water temperature on the heart rate of daphnia (water flea) during Early Start. Richards High School freshmen input data from their experiment testing the effects of pollutants on radish plants during the Early Start program.

Parents in District 218 this summer elected to enroll their children in Early Start, a three-week primer for high school, in record numbers. Test results once again have made that decision prudent.

To measure the effects of Early Start, the district administers pre- and post-tests in English, science and math. Freshmen posted impressive gains across all subjects in both honors and regular sections of Early Start.

Highlights include a 45-percent improvement by Shepard High School freshmen and 39-percent improvement by Richards High School freshmen in honors science. Eisenhower High School freshmen posted the biggest gains on the honors English test at 12 percent.

Math highlights included growth from all three in honors sections: Shepard at 17 percent, Richards at 16 percent, and Eisenhower at 13 percent.

Students attend Early Start, which features interactive, fun, and engaging lessons and activities that teachers often cannot squeeze into regular school days, for three weeks from 8am to 1pm. Teachers think they know why the program succeeds.

Teachers design Early Start in a way to make coming to school in the summer an enjoyable experience.

“Freshmen loved it. Absences are very low due to the amount of fun and community building at Early Start. Students who participate in Early Start are more confident on day one,” said Cynthia Tebo, an English Language Learner teacher at Shepard.

“The science portion is very interactive and fun, so students enjoy the time they spend with us. I think that is definitely a big reason they improve dramatically,” said Tarek Cattan, who teaches at Richards.

Shepard teacher Jen Glaz, for example, led lessons on writing computer code using a program developed by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

“The coding that the students learned gave them the ability to see the outcome of their efforts, good and bad, immediately. As a group, we would de-bug programs that were not running correctly and the students learned what it was like to work in the industry,” she said.

Aside from academic preparation, Early Start helps dispel much of the tension that many freshmen feel about starting high school.

“Early Start is a great opportunity that enables students to get to know teachers, peers and their school prior to starting freshman year. This alleviates a lot of anxiety and stress prior to the beginning of the year. Students can walk in the first day confident and excited to begin school and see their peers,” said Carrie Alvarado, a science teacher at Shepard.

“I think all parents should encourage their students to attend because I feel as if we are mentoring their children and giving them a head start,” said Sarina Kledzik, a Shepard graduate who teaches at Eisenhower. “Every parent wants to provide their children with the best of everything and Early Start is a program that fulfills that need.”



## Festival of Families Celebrates Pope Francis' Visit to US

What better way can you spend an afternoon than enjoying family, food and fun? For four hours, Standard Bank Stadium in Crestwood was jam-packed with enough activities to entertain every member of the family. Hundreds of guests joined Incarnation School and Parish volunteers as they hosted the Festival of Families, celebrating Pope Francis' historic visit to the United States.

The day began at 12:30pm with food vendors and a wide array of activities, including face painting, two train rides, a petting zoo, inflatable maze, a bean bag tournament, hair coloring and braiding, a magic show, a reptile show, Team USA martial arts display, DJ and dancing, massages from Chiro One, and Forestview Farms pony rides. Disney princesses Anna, Elsa, Belle and Cinderella signed "autographs" and offered photo ops.

As if that wasn't enough, at 2:30pm, families moved inside to enjoy a wonderful concert by the Shepard High School marching band. Following a prayer for families, a resounding rendition of the national anthem by Christy Pace, and the first pitch thrown out by Incarnation graduate Mike Recchia, the Incarnation TRAIN youth group and Crestwood Police Department took on the Incarnation alumni and Crestwood Fire Department in a game of softball. Mike Jacobson, Incarnation's Youth Minister provided the play by play ... and comic relief. Spiderman, a Ninja Turtle and Megatron wandered the ballpark. Between the innings, kids ran the bases, and Legacy Dance Studio in Midlothian performed — all with Pope Francis' farewell Mass from Philadelphia up on the jumbotron.

It was a fabulous event filled with laughter and friendship. What a great way to honor the spirit of Pope Francis!



## Come Learn More About Saving for Your Child's Future College Tuition

If you're a parent and are concerned about saving for future college tuition, you are encouraged to come to the Biela Center (4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood) **Thursday, Oct. 22nd, 2015**, for College Savings Night. A review of two programs offered by the state of Illinois — College Illinois! and Bright Start — that help parents save for their children's education will be offered. A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will also be on hand to answer questions about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Parents of children of all ages are highly encouraged to attend.

**COLLEGE SAVINGS NIGHT**


**Register today: [www.collegeillinois.org/rsvp](http://www.collegeillinois.org/rsvp)**

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## Brookfield Zoo Sleepover Safari



November 13th, 2015 - Sleepover Safari

A zoo is a zoo 24/7 and now you can get a glimpse into what happens at Brookfield Zoo at night. Join us for a fun-filled nocturnal adventure, with spaces available for families and groups. In the evening enjoy a fun craft activity and then go on a wild night hike that highlights zoo residents and nocturnal Illinois wildlife. Return from your hike and enjoy an ice cream social.

The next morning, wake up to a hot breakfast buffet, a morning hike and visit an animal exhibit, where you'll see your craft given to some of the animals. This program is for ages 6 and up, with a ratio of one adult to five children. The cost for members is \$60 per person (\$70 per non-member) which includes all food, parking, and admission to the zoo the following day. **Registration online:** <http://www.czs.org/Brookfield-ZOO/Learning/Sleepover-Safari>

## Shepard Students Create Solar-Powered Biodiesel System

Got sun? Let’s make solar biodiesel.

Students at Alan B Shepard High School have built, operate and maintain a solar-powered biodiesel system at the Crestwood Public Works (CPW) Facility. Shepard High School and Crestwood Public Works have worked hand in hand to make this project a success. The Public Works employees, with the mayor’s full support, have taken care of the little things to make this project a go, but the person who orchestrates this green venture is longtime resident Brian Sievers.

The solar-powered biodiesel project is an exciting, enriching, hands-on activity for students, and it helps students to become more “green”-focused, to improve their image in the greater community, and to provide Crestwood with eco-friendly biodiesel.

Students built the biodiesel system using an electric hot water heater, various vessels, and an array

of piping, pumps and valves. One of the unique features of this project is that students use no water to “wash” the biodiesel they make, thus making it an eco-friendly process. Students use air bubblers and a dry-wash method, using polymer resins, to remove glycerin from the fuel they produce. A large number of small biodiesel operations use water to “wash” their biodiesel to remove glycerin; however, this is not a water-friendly method. Thus, the method they employ is safe to the water-shed. To date, students have produced 760 gallons of biodiesel, all which has been put into and used by CPW diesel vehicles. Not only has Crestwood helped the project by providing space and their assistance to the project, but the students have formed partnerships with Beggars Pizza and Producers Chemical to supply them with used cooking oil and chemicals to make biodiesel.

Students make 20-gallon batches of biodiesel using waste cooking oil, all using solar power. The Village allowed them to install a 1kW solar-panel array (four panels) on the roof of the public works building. In doing so, the students use solar power to operate the biodiesel system. This project has helped Crestwood financially, socially and

environmentally. From a social standpoint, allowing high-school students to produce eco-friendly fuel at their facility using solar power is a win-win for everyone: Crestwood receives the fuel from us at no cost. Biodiesel is inexpensive, lowers emissions, and using waste cooking oil reduces landfill waste. Lastly, students convert used cooking oil, donated from Beggars Pizza, into eco-friendly biodiesel. The waste oil would otherwise go to a landfill; however, the students convert it into free fuel for Crestwood. The students are making fuel from something that would otherwise be thrown away.

A side benefit of this project is that it allows the glycerin, a byproduct of the conversion process, to be made into soap. When a gallon of waste oil is reacted, about 70 percent of the oil is converted into biodiesel fuel. Nearly all the remaining 30 percent of converted oil is glycerin. Nearly all the glycerin we make is converted into liquid hand soap. Currently, two teachers at Shepard HS take the glycerin and convert it into soap. The soap is used at the high school and sold at the Shepard craft fair. In doing so, the students utilize almost every ounce of waste oil by converting into biodiesel or liquid hand soap.



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### GET UP & GET OUT!!!



## Fall Festival

**NAIA Fall Baseball: Roosevelt University Lakers vs. South Suburban College Bulldogs** | *Friday, Oct. 16th, 1:00pm*  
Standard Bank Stadium | 14011 S. Kenton Ave., Crestwood  
Come out and see the Roosevelt Lakers prepare for next spring as Standard Bank Stadium hosts some NAIA fall baseball.

**Colorful Fall** | *Saturday, Oct. 17th, 1:30pm*  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs  
Discover the real reason that leaves fall off the trees at this time of year. All ages encouraged to attend. Limit 25. Cost: free. For more information and to reserve your place, call the Little Red Schoolhouse at **(708) 839-6897**.

**UIE Program: Worm Composting** | *Saturday, Oct. 24th, 1:30pm*  
Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center  
9800 Willow Springs Rd., Willow Springs  
Learn how to compost over the winter using red wiggler worms. A demonstration of how to make an indoor worm bin will be followed by the raffling off of the completed worm bin. Limit 25. Cost: free. Register at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cook/>.



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## Senior Citizens Invited to Moonlight Harvest Dance

Area senior citizens are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Moonlight Harvest Senior Citizen Dance. The event, which will feature dinner, bingo and dancing to the music of the Teddy Lee Orchestra, will be held Saturday, Nov. 14th, 2015, from 4:00-7:30pm at Shepard High School (13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights). Tickets are \$10/person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be on sale from Oct. 19th-Nov. 6th. To purchase tickets, please come to the security office at Shepard between 8:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday. Checks or money orders should be made out to Shepard High School. (Cash will not be accepted, nor will tickets be available at the door.)

**For more information, please call (708) 371-1111 x3041.**

### Trick-or-Treating Hours

The hours for trick-or-treating in Crestwood will be from 3 pm to 7 pm on Halloween, which falls on a Friday this year. The Village encourages all parents and children participating in trick-or-treating to practice “safety first!” and abide by these approved hours on **Saturday, October 31st.**

## Keep Trick-or-Treating Fun AND Safe

Kids, costumes and candy — they’re the trinity of fun for Halloween, and with a bit of preparation and safety-mindedness, you can ensure a happy trick-or-treating adventure for your loved ones. Keep in mind these factors and you’ll always have a safe Halloween:

- S** Soft, short and flexible is the way to go when it comes to swords, knives and other costume accessories.
- A** Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Go with friends and/or a trusted grown-up.
- F** Fasten reflective tape to bags and costumes to ensure that you can be seen by those in traffic.
- E** Examine all treats for choking hazards or tampering before eating.
- H** Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating at night so that you can see and that others can see you.
- A** Always walk and don’t run from house to house.
- L** Look both ways before crossing the street, and use established crosswalks whenever possible.
- L** Lower the risk for serious eye injury by avoiding decorative contact lenses.
- O** Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible.
- W** Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid hampered vision, trips and falls.
- E** Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.
- E** Enter homes only if you’re with a trusted adult, and only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N** Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Make sure that all costumes are flame-resistant.

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# Mobile Driver Services Facility Coming to Biela Center

If you’re looking to renew your driver’s licence or state ID card but are not looking forward to standing in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles, your lucky day is not far off. **Monday, Oct. 19th, 2015, from 10:00am-2:00pm**, Secretary of State Jesse White’s Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at the Biela Center (4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood) to expedite the following services:

- Driver’s license/state ID renewal, replacement or corrections
- Vision screening (with driver’s license renewal)
- Vehicle sticker sales (license plate stickers)
- Motor voter registration
- Organ/tissue donor information and registration

Those looking to renew a current Illinois driver’s license or state ID must present a valid driver’s license or existing ID card. To apply for a duplicate or corrected driver’s license or ID, you must present two forms of valid identification. For detailed information about acceptable forms of identification, please call **(217) 782-7044** or visit **www.cyberdriveillinois.com**.



# Seniors Have Lovely Day Out at Hollywood Park



It was a glorious early fall day to be outside on Monday, Sept. 21, and the seniors from the Biela Center were able to seize it for a wonderful afternoon at Hollywood Park. Sponsored by Mayor Lou Presta, the event allowed seniors to partake in an afternoon of mini-golf and lunch.

“It’s a beautiful day for golf and for Hollywood Park,” Kay Snorewicz declared as she and her friends lined up to putt on one of the park’s challenging holes. So beautiful, in fact, that Kay and her friends almost missed out on the buffet of pizza, pasta, sloppy joes and more that were available at the event. The seniors were grateful for the cooperative fall weather and to Mayor Lou for a fun afternoon out.



# Village & Biela Center Happenings

Unless otherwise indicated, all listed events are at the Biela Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike.

For more Information  
**708-371-4860 Ext. 6001**

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
									
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						12:00 p.m. Cards		11:15 a.m. Fitness	
						1:00 p.m. Movie		12:00 p.m. Dessert	
								1:00 p.m. Bingo	
								1:00 p.m. Movie	
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Mobile Driver Services Facility at 10am-2pm & Secretary of State Rules of the Road at 1:30-3:30pm		12:00 p.m. Lunch		11:15 a.m. Fitness				11:15 a.m. Fitness	
		1:00 p.m. Bingo		12:30 p.m. Crestwood Seniors		12:00 p.m. Cards		12:00 p.m. Lunch	
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1:00 p.m. Movie		1:00 p.m. Movie		1:00 p.m. Movie		1:00 p.m. Movie		1:00 p.m. Bingo	
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**Look What’s Cooking!!!**

Lunch and bingo or a movie for over 50

Friday, October 2	Dessert & Bingo
Tuesday, October 6	Beef Sandwich
Friday, October 9	Tuna Salad
Tuesday, October 13	Ham Sandwich
Friday, October 16	Chili
Tuesday, October 20	Chicken Kiev
Friday, October 23	Hamburgers
Tuesday, October 27	Halloween Party (\$10)
Friday, October 30	Dessert & Bingo

Enjoy a delicious lunch (\$4.00) at the Biela Center at noon. Bingo and a movie start at 1 p.m.. Please help us by making reservations. Reservations for Tuesday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Friday and reservations for Friday lunch must be made by 4 p.m. Wednesday.

**Movies of the month to be shown at the Biela Center**

Thank you to the Crestwood Library for donating these movies for our seniors to watch.

October 5-9	“The Addams Family”
October 12-16	“Maleficent”
October 19-23	“Ghost Busters I”
October 26-30	“Ghost Busters II”

*Movies are shown Monday through Friday at 1 p.m.*

**Never A Dull Moment at the Biela Center**

By now you know the Biela Center is located at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, but do you know what goes on a daily basis? Senior citizens, you never have to be bored again.

Take a look at the many activities that wait for you here:

\*Choose a senior fitness group that works best for you-one, two, or three times a week.

\*Keep your driving privileges, and your freedom, by attending one of our frequent Rules of the Road classes held throughout the year.

\*Every week we offer free movies for your enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere.

\*Lunch and bingo are offered Tuesdays and Fridays all year at the Biela Center.

\*Free blood pressure screening is offered every month.

\*Join us for some of our group trips to casinos, plays, theaters, and other interesting venues.

**Chicago South Elks Lodge 1596**

The Elks, in cooperation with the Biela Center, continue to collect pop-tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well as eyeglasses, greeting cards, used cell phones and chargers for other charities.

For more information, contact the Elks at 708-597-7465 or the Biela Center at 708-371-4860, EXT 6001.

**Sorry....No refunds can be made**

We’ve often experienced last-minute cancellations for our various day trips. We have to make it clear that when reservations are confirmed, refunds will not be issued.

Therefore, no refunds can be given for any trip unless we have a waiting list or if you can find a replacement for your reserved space. When you register for a trip, you have two weeks to decide before payment.

Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled departure time for a trip. We do publish the scheduled departure time for our trips. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Many passengers are very sensitive to strong perfumes and aftershaves. We ask that you think of others if you use them.

**Senior Fitness Offered at the Biela Center**

The Biela Center offers a great fitness class one, two, or three times a week, and you can work at your own pace. Feel better and sleep better.

Diana Esparza, our instructor, will guide you through your special needs. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:15 a.m.

The cost is \$30 for 24 classes, \$20 for 16 classes, \$10 for eight classes or a \$2 daily fee.

**CASINO TRIPS**

***When making casino reservations, please have your card number or address and date of birth. Remember, you must have a valid picture ID at the casino....Winning more than \$1,199 requires showing your social security card.....!***

**Blue Chip Casino**



Enjoy a day at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana. The trip includes 4 hours of gambling, a buffet lunch and \$10 in E-Play after 1,000 points.

When: Thursday, October 1st  
Time: Depart 8:45 am - Return 4 pm  
Cost: \$28

This trip is sure to fill-up FAST!!!!



**"Rules of the Road Here on October 19th"**

Secretary of State, Jesse White, in cooperation with local organizations, will offer a Rules of the Road review course at the Biela Center free of charge.

The two-hour session helps prepare drivers for the Illinois driver license exam. Topics include written, vision, and road tests.

When: Monday, October 19th, 2015  
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Save your spot by calling the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001

**"Elf"**



One of the most loved holiday movies is now a full grown Broadway musical. Join Buddy the Elf on his quest from the north Pole to New York City to find his true identity. A heartwarming and hilarious musical for audiences from 8 to 80.

When: Wednesday, October 28th  
Where: Marriott Lincolnshire  
Time: 9:30 am  
Cost: \$76 (includes transportation, lunch and show-choice of grilled salmon or stuffed chicken breast)

**"Seniors Halloween Luncheon is Planned for Oct 27th"**

This year's Senior Halloween Luncheon is set for Tuesday, October 27th at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at noon, and raffles and bingo will follow at 1:00pm for those at the party.

No tickets will be sold after October 20th and reservations are necessary. Call the Biela Center at 708-371-4860. EXT 6001 to save your spot for this annual even. Tickets are \$10.00. Wear your favorite costume and you could win a prize.



**"A Christmas Story"**

Who can ever forget the charming film about Ralphie's quest for the RED RYDER BB Gun that long ago Christmas!! It's a true audience pleaser. A must see during the holiday season.

When: Thursday, November 19th  
Time: Depart 11:00 am  
Where: Theatre at the Center-Munster, Indiana  
Cost: \$74 (includes transportation, lunch and show-(choice of roast beef or roast turkey)

**"Shopping Downtown"**

Spend the day finding those last minute gifts for Christmas. You will be dropped off at the Christkindl Market at Daley Plaza, then you are free to shop and have lunch on your own.

When: Thursday, December 3rd  
Time: Depart 9:30 am; Return 4:00pm  
Cost: \$26 (transportation only)

**- ATTENTION -**

**If you have any special needs for seating on the bus please inform us when making reservations.**

**"White Christmas"**

This spectacular holiday concert will take you on a musical journey from a World War II performance for the troops to the glamour of a Florida nightclub and finally the charm and simple beauty of a New England town.

When: Wednesday, December 9th  
Time: Depart 9:45 am  
Where: Jacob Henry Mansion, Joliet  
Cost: \$72 (includes choice of chicken apricot or pork roast)

**Attention Seniors!!!**

The Crestwood Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet on the First and Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The club does an array of activities at their meetings. Coffee and sweet rolls are available to be enjoyed as the members visit with each other; planned activities are enjoyed on holidays. For the holidays, the club becomes community involved. The members make favors and bring in presents for nursing home residents...

Consider joining a fun group. Please stop in on club day for further information.

Also, the Biela Seniors Club is looking for members. They meet at the Biela Center on the second and fourth Monday at 12:30 pm. Call the Biela Center for more information.

**ATTENTION ALL CARD PLAYERS!!!**



Crestwood's senior card players are looking for new members to join them for pinochle at the Biela Center on Thursdays at noon. If interested, stop in on Thursdays at noon.

**- REMINDER -**  
**Don't be disappointed when trips are cancelled. Please sign up as soon as possible. We have deadlines for booking the trips.**  
**- The Biela Center**



*“Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.” —Phyllis Diller*



**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AT THE BIELA CENTER OFFERED ON OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Free blood pressure screening will be offered at the Biela Center on Wednesday, October 21st, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Barbara, our Biela Center Blood Pressure Nurse will be available.

**HEARING SCREENING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AT THE BIELA CENTER**

If you would like to be tested contact Bruce at the Audibel Center for Hearing Excellence 14164 South Cicero Avenue | Tel: 708-385-3332 to set up an appointment.



# BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

## Crestwood Auto Auction Comes to Crestwood

A new, family-owned business has come to Crestwood. Crestwood Auto Auction offers a way for those looking to make a vehicle purchase to get a better deal. The business is open to the public — no dealers license necessary — and trade-ins are welcome. (Only clean titles are accepted.) Crestwood Auto Auction offers a wide selection of coupes, sedans, SUVs, minivans, conversion/passenger vans/pick-up trucks and utility vehicles, in many makes and models both foreign and domestic.

Bids are taken six days a week over the phone, with a 25-percent deposit serving to hold any vehicle for 48 hours. A free, 90-day warranty covers any purchase exceeding \$5,000 that’s otherwise sold “as is.” The warranty covers the engine, transmission, drive axle assembly, seals and gaskets, cooling and electrical, and includes 24-hour roadside assistance and rental car allowance.

Financing is available, and test drives on public streets are welcome.

As a welcome to the Crestwood community, through Oct. 21st, Crestwood Auto Auction will offer all Crestwood residents \$150 off their next purchase. Residents of Crestwood also will be exempt from the \$500 buy-it-now fee and buy at the reserve price listed on **CrestwoodAutoAuction.com**.



Crestwood Auto Auction

# The Copper Still Crestwood: Where Perfect Drinks and Great Food Meet

### How the businesses started

The Mid-Oak Distillery opened in June of 2012 as one of a handful of micro-distilleries in Illinois. Customers both local and from miles away swarmed the tasting room for samples or to purchase bottles of CD Vodka. The tasting room offered a unique vodka tasting experience along with martini making classes. Demand quickly grew for both services. Simultaneously, wholesale efforts of Mid-Oak Distillery’s CD Vodka expanded to multiple states, causing the need for expansion.

In August of 2013, the business was expanded and the tasting room was converted into a full CD Vodka Lounge. By late summer 2014, the CD Vodka Lounge was consistently packed with locals seeking hand crafted CD Vodka cocktails, private parties and special events. With limited space and capabilities, food for each event was catered from local restaurants. Customers repeatedly questioned: “When are you going to serve your own food?”

### The move to Crestwood

By July of 2014, manufacturing had increased to the point that the distillery needed to be moved into a conventional warehouse. A suitable production facility was located on the Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. By January of 2015, the Distillery’s manufacturing operations would be moved and the lounge would remain in Midlothian. The new lounge and eatery would be appropriately named The Copper Still, depicting the main piece of distillation equipment used to make spirits.

In November of 2014, uncontrollable circumstances forced the newly created Copper Still to move suddenly. The business had thousands of online sales for martini-making classes and tastings waiting to be redeemed by eager customers. Calling these customers and telling them that they would have to wait to redeem their services and products was not an option. In addition to the pre-paid customers, a loyal following of the CD Vodka Lounge had been established. Closing the doors, even temporarily, would likely be detrimental to future business. With the Midlothian lease ending December 31st of 2014, the business was in a serious time pinch.

A suitable location in Crestwood was quickly located. A building that had previously housed a bank then a Filipino restaurant may have seemed like an unlikely location for an upscale lounge and eatery, but the business’s management was determined to make it work. The owners of the property were easy to work with and the Village of Crestwood welcomed the new business with open arms.

Against all odds, the new Copper Still had a home at 14301 S. Cicero Avenue, but it needed to be converted in fewer than 40 days. The task of turning the building around in such a short period of time was daunting. Local tradesmen were in the building nearly around the clock.

All of the hard work paid off and the building was “stripped” and rebuilt by the end of December. The bar boasts a stacked stone front with a custom-made hardwood countertop, both crafted by local professionals. Custom barstools with the Copper Still logo engraved into their backs surround the bar. A trendy, industrial painted ceiling look was exposed and the building’s interior was the recipient of a new painting from top to bottom. The kitchen was also completely renovated. Due to such tight time constraints, more than \$15,000 in labor alone was expended by the Copper Still the week prior to Christmas, infusing local craftsmen with a little extra holiday money. At the end of December, the Copper Still Crestwood was gingerly opened at about 80 percent operational capacity. Full capacity was achieved the following month.



(Top) The Copper Still offers an upscale environment along with affordable food and drinks, especially since its visit from Food Network’s Robert Irvine and “Restaurant Impossible” in August. (Bottom) Numerous dishes at the Copper Still are served in a signature martini glass.



### What to expect

The dining menu boasts “skewered options,” featuring full meals such as hand-battered coconut shrimp, tenderloin and chicken served on bamboo skewers and presented on a martini glass. Rice and homemade dipping sauces such as sweet-and-spicy Asian, pesto, or peanut sauce are included with each selection.

On the traditional side, hand-formed hamburgers are offered with the “toppings” folded into the ground beef before grilling, along with steak and chicken sandwiches. Unique appetizers include mashed potato sticks, prosciutto-wrapped melon balls and bruschetta served in a martini glass. A signature CD Vodka BBQ sauce is available with any appropriate food order. Quickly becoming a favorite are the deep-fried ham and cheese sandwich strips, served in a martini glass of course, with a choice of dipping sauces. Summertime menu additions include Asian lettuce wraps and seared Ahi tuna steaks.

The cocktail menu focuses on deliciously crafted CD Vodka and Torta Bianca cocktails, which remain the favorites of many customers. Martinis start from \$6.75 and beyond traditional dirty or dry martinis, range in flavor from dessert martinis such as the Tiramisu or the Salted Caramel Apple to exotic martinis like the Tai Boogie or the Chocolate Hananero. A full wine menu is available with a full-service bar, including high-end spirits such as 12-year aged scotch and craft whiskeys, or gin and craft or traditional bottled-beer selections.

The Copper Still has recently added a covered patio to the rear of the building, known as the Vodka Garden. The space features several large, pub-height community tables, a small bar, and is lit by bistro-style bulbs hung from the ceiling. The Vodka Garden saw its grand opening earlier this summer.

The Copper Still offers an upscale environment for customers both local and from afar to enjoy fine drinks and food in a reasonable price range. The business is often packed with curious locals and longtime regulars. By creating a comfortable space with unparalleled value, management is looking forward to this trend continuing.

### Weekly specials

The Copper Still features daily drink and food specials such as \$5.99 burgers on Tuesdays, \$5 CD Vodka martinis on Thursdays, and a \$4 bloody mary on Sundays. The venue features live music most Fridays, and offers a wide selection of private party options for any occasion.



# Register Now for 5th Annual St. Chris School 5K Walk/Run

The fifth annual St. Christopher 5K Run-and-Walk will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015, beginning at 8:30am. All proceeds from the race will go to benefit St. Christopher School. The race is open to all ages and ability levels.

**When:** Saturday, October 3, 2015, 8:30am

**Where:** St. Christopher Parish grounds (4130 W. 147th St, Midlothian)

**Fees:** \$25 per runner/walker in advance, \$30 day-of registration

Group Rate: A \$3 discount per runner/walker is available for groups of 10 or more.

Groups must register using the downloadable paper registration forms (see the link at [www.stchrisschool.org/5k](http://www.stchrisschool.org/5k)) and submit their registration forms together, along with payment of \$22 per member of the group.

**Course:** The race will begin and end on the parish grounds and will feature a flat, fast course through the tree-lined neighborhoods of Midlothian and Crestwood.

**Register:** Two easy ways to register: Visit [www.stchrisschool.org/5k](http://www.stchrisschool.org/5k) to register online via credit card or to download the registration form. If you've already registered using the online registration, you can also confirm your registration at the website to get a printable registration confirmation form.

**Packets:** Race Packet and T-shirt pickup will be held on **Friday, October 2, 2015 from 3-7pm** at St. Christopher School in the Unit D Building.

**Race Day:** At the event on race day, there will be plenty of activities for the kids, including an inflatable bounce house, music interaction, kid's fun races and more. After the race, plan to stay and enjoy the DJ, free raffles and more.

Route: The St. Christopher 5K race-course route will begin and end on the parish grounds and features a flat, fast course through the shady, tree-lined neighborhoods of Midlothian and Crestwood. You can view the course route by visiting the event site at [www.stchrisschool.org/5k](http://www.stchrisschool.org/5k).

## Sponsors

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsors will have the opportunity to set up a table and hang a banner or signs at the event, place yard signs on the race course and place advertisements in the racers'/walkers' goodie bags. Additionally, logos of our sponsors will be listed on the back of the race shirts given to all participants, and will be listed on all race websites, Facebook pages and promotional materials.

## Thanks to all of our 2014 5k Walk/Run Sponsors!

We would like to give a big thanks to all of our 2014 5k Walk/Run Sponsors! We are deeply grateful to you for your generous support of our school.

### Gold Sponsors:

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### Silver Sponsors:

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Village of Midlothian

### Bronze Sponsors:

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Hollywood Park Family Entertainment Center  
Keystone Café  
Save a Lot Food Store  
The Great American Bagel  
Ultra Fresh Foods  
Walt's Food Center  
Windy City Thunderbolts

## Article Suggestions

Crestwood Adviser welcomes suggestions for articles — stories about residents, local events, random acts of kindness, and more! Please let us know what you think should be covered in your Village newspaper by emailing us at [info@crestwoodadviser.com](mailto:info@crestwoodadviser.com), calling Fanning Communications at **708-293-1430**, or bringing a hard-copy submission to the Village Hall at 13840 S. Cicero Avenue.

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# A Night of Comedy

Saturday, January 16, 2016  
8:00 pm

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**Bring your family and Friends!**

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Jeff has appeared with **Drew Carey & Jerry Seinfeld** and has been named Indiana's Top Comedy Writer.



**Jeff McDonald**

## CHICAGO SOUTH ELKS

4428 Midlothian Turnpike  
Crestwood, IL 60445

## TICKET INFORMATION:

*Come early for the spaghetti dinner*

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Show is at 8:00 pm

**\$10 per person**

Limited seating available • Must be 21 to enter

**Advance Purchase suggested**

Call the Chicago South Elks Office @ **708-597-7465** to purchase your tickets today!





October Events at Crestwood Public Library  
Youth Programs

<b>Firefighter Visit</b> Join us for Fire Prevention Month as Firefighters from the Crestwood Fire Department come to the library to read stories, demonstrate their safety gear, and take photos by their fire truck. All ages welcome. Please Register Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30pm.	
<b>Tween Time</b> Tweens grades 3-6 join us each month for activities and snacks. October will be Mason Jar Pumpkin Thurs., October 13, Time: 4:00-5:00pm	<b>Little Rembrandts!</b> Children grades K-4 can come to the library to try different types of art techniques one afternoon a month. In October we will be making tissue paper art. Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4:00PM
<b>Halloween Book Buddies</b> Children ages 3-6 can enjoy time with a Shepard High School Student reading books and making a small craft. October Book Buddies will meet Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 from 6-7pm. Cost is free. Space limited to 20.	<b>Messy Mondays!</b> Parents can bring their toddler to experience all those messy things you would not like them to play with at home. Please register Ages 18-36 months w adult Mondays from 11:00-11:30am
<b>After School Club</b> Kids grades K-2 join us one Tuesday of the month for activities, games, crafts and more. October will be Halloween fun ! Oct. date: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 from 4:00-5:00pm	<b>Halloween P.J. Time</b> Children ages 4-10, come to the library in their P.J.'s or Halloween Costume and hear some not so spooky stories and make a Halloween craft to take home. Space is limited Tuesday, October 20 , 2015 6:00-7:00pm
<b>S.T.E.M. Science Club</b> Children grades K-4 will learn about a different science topic each month through hands on activities. Thurs. Oct. 15 @ 4:00pm Space limited to 15 people.	<b>Chess Club</b> Have you wanted to learn to play chess, need some practice, or just want to play the game? Fall session of Chess Club for Grades 1-10. runs until October, 24, 2015 Class time: 12:30pm Registration Required
<b>Halloween Read to Rover</b> Kids grades K-5 wear your costume and come read to therapy dogs Birdi and Piranha Banana from TDI. Reading times from 4:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015	

Registration Required for all programs. Call 708-371-4090 for more information.

October Adult Programming at Crestwood Public Library

<b>Lights Out Everybody! Mystery &amp; Horror During the Gold Age of Radio</b> Radio historian Steve Darnall returns with a program designed to thrill you and chill you with sound clips from radio’s scariest shows and examples of how radio was the theater of the mind. Please register Monday, Oct 19 6:30 PM	
<b>Coloring Class for Adults</b> Life can be hectic – It’s time to calm down and de-stress! What a better way than to color yourself calm and listen to relaxing music. We will have adult coloring pages and some supplies available. Feel free to bring some of your own (and a friend!). Space is limited. Please register. Monday, Oct 12 6:00-7:30 PM	
<b>Free Hearing Screening</b> Did you know that 1 in 5 Americans suffers some form of hearing loss? Get your free hearing health screening from Zounds at the library! Please register. Thursday, October 15, at 2:30 PM	<b>Halloween Card Class</b> Join us for another session of Stampin’ Up with Debbie Spano as we get creative for Halloween! \$4 per person. Ages 14 and up. Please register. Monday, Oct 5 6:00 PM
<b>Free eBook checkout for your eReader, ipad or Kindle.</b> We have TWO eBook databases for you to explore and choose from. And best of all they are free and there are no late fees! To learn more about eRead Illinois and Media on Demand, visit our website today! www.crestwoodlibrary.org	<b>Needles &amp; Yarn</b> Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit, or just need some guidance? Join us for a new session of Needles & Yarn at the library! Bring your own materials or use some of ours! For ages 13 years and up. Please register. Monday, Oct 26 6:30 PM
<b>Gifts from Your Kitchen</b> Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate a variety of food gifts for the holidays, including spiced nuts, homemade vanilla extract, cake balls and more! Explore new ideas for presenting your food gifts as well. Samples and recipes included. Cost is \$5 per person. Space limited to 25. Wednesday, Nov 11 6:00 PM	
<b>Free Computer Classes</b> Need some one-on-one practice with your computer skills? Sign up for a 45 minute session with one of our librarians on select Fridays during the month. Call for available dates and times.	<b>Book Discussion Club</b> Be sure to pick up a copy of our latest Book Club read from our front desk!! We'll be meeting again on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM..
<b>Remember to visit our website: www.crestwoodlibrary.org or call 708-371-4090 for all program details</b>	

Crestwood Public Library to Host ‘Read to Rover’ Program

Many children grow up with dogs and are comfortable around them from a very young age. Others may not have that opportunity, and for some, the uncertainty about dogs and their behavior can lead to anxiety in their presence. To help young people to overcome this particular inhibition, the Crestwood Public Library will hold a “Read to Rover” program on **Tuesday, Oct. 27th, from 5:00-6:00pm.**

The program encourages children in grades K-5 to come and read aloud for 10-15 minutes to therapy dogs from Therapy Dogs International. The goal is to assist students in their oral reading skills and build self-confidence, as well as to help with dog-anxiety issues that children may be facing. Registration is required for this event. For more information or to register your child, please call the Crestwood Public Library at **(708) 371-4090.**

Children K-5 are welcome to take part in the Crestwood Public Library’s “Read to Rover” program Oct. 27th.



Crestwood T-Ball Registration for 2016 Season

**Where:** Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center  
135th and Long (Across from Nathan Hale)

**When:** Going on Now  
Ages: Boys & Girls 5 years old (by December 31, 2016) through 7 years old

**Season:** Cost: Free for residents, \$25 for non-residents

- World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser for everyone
- Price includes shirt, hat, pictures and trophy

**Games are played at Walker Park (139th & Laramie):**

- Wednesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 10am
- Season runs from late April till mid-June
- Teams are picked and practices start in March/April

**Goal of Crestwood T-Ball:** To teach the fundamentals of baseball/softball in a relaxed, friendly environment. To let the players enjoy playing the game and to have fun doing it so that they will want to continue playing for many years. And to help prepare the children to associate and play well with others.

Games last approximately 75 minutes. (Normally 3-4 innings.) Games are played as normal games; positions are taught.

A cloth ball is used. Players can hit singles, doubles, triples and even an occasional homer. Base coaches help the children to learn how far they can advance depending on how well they hit the ball and how they run. And just as good hitting is rewarded, so is good fielding. Players can make outs. Coaches in the field help the players, but don’t assist in plays. Number of



batters per inning is limited. Players hit off a batting T so they can develop and concentrate on a good swing. (No aluminum bats — the ball reacts too quickly for the young players.)

**For more information, contact the Crestwood Recreation & Wellness Center at (708) 371-4810.**



## Crestwood Remembers Chester “Chet” Stranczek



On Saturday, Sept. 5th, 2015, former Crestwood mayor Chester “Chet” Stranczek passed away. Stranczek began as a Village trustee in 1957, and ended up serving as mayor of the Village from 1969 until he stepped down in 2007. In that time, Crestwood went from being a quiet, residential enclave to the more prosperous suburb it is today.

It was Stranczek who ushered in developments like the Rivercrest Shopping Center, the Recreation and Wellness Center, and Biela Center — all enterprises that serve the community, provide needed jobs and help to keep the Village’s tax rate in check. “When he took over, there was nothing in Crestwood,” Mayor Lou Presta told the Chicago Tribune, referring to the limited tax base that he had to work with. “He brought it from a nothing town to where it’s at today.”

Some of Stranczek’s continuing popularity with residents derived from the rebates that he arranged to issue to residents from the Village’s share of their property tax bills, starting in the early 1990s. “He had wanted a 100 percent rebate, but it got to 76 percent,” Presta recalled.

Other initiatives successfully pursued by Stranczek included bringing baseball to Crestwood — a passion of his since his days as pitcher in the minor leagues — with the arrival of the Cook County Cheetahs in 1999, who later would become the Windy City Thunderbolts, and who still liven up Village life in Standard Bank Stadium every spring and summer.

A Korean War vet, Stranczek returned from his tour of duty and, after being sidelined by a knee injury that ended his baseball career, entered the trucking business. In 1966, he established Cresco Lines, based in Harvey, Ill., and began hauling freight across the country, eventually growing the business to become a leader in the steel industry.

Stranczek is survived by his wife, Diane, sons Michael and Robert, and grandchildren Ashley, Michael, Mark, Kathryn and Steven.

### IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE PELESCHAK

The Village of Crestwood would like to acknowledge and thank the family of Catherine Peleschak for the donation made to the Village of Crestwood Dial-A-Ride Service.

Catherine, or as we all called her Kay was a long time resident of Crestwood, a weekly participant at our Andrew Biela Center where seniors gather for lunches, bingo and holiday parties. She called to go out on our Dial-A-Ride bus numerous times a week to go to the Biela Center, the bank, Wal-Mart or shopping at RiverCrest Mall for groceries, holiday shopping or just to get out of the house and be in the company of all the other seniors from town. We will miss her.

## Crestwood Obituaries

**David P. Glowczynski**, 69 years of age passed away on September 23, 2015 at his home in Crestwood. Vietnam Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Carol. Devoted father of David (Ann) and Mark (Kris). Loving grandfather of Vickie, Courtney, Zachary and AnnaBeth. Dear brother of Maxine Macek, Cynthia and the late Lois Glowczynski. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Retired longtime employee of Commonwealth Edison. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. (708) 824-9000 or [www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com).

**Mary Ann Kaniewski**, nee Pacholski, age 85 of Crestwood. Born May 23, 1930. Passed away at her home on Monday, September 14, 2015. Born in Chicago to the late Lillian and Stanley Pacholski. Beloved wife of the late Richard (2003). Loving mother of Carol (Dennis) Cwiak, Fred, and Thomas (Patty). Beloved sister of the late Florence (late Clyde) LaRue, Virginia (David) Chilcote, and the late James Pacholski. Cherished Busia

(grandmother) of Kelly (Anthony) Bristow, Kari (Pastien) Peou, Adam (Tiffany) Cwiak, Christopher (fiancee Lyn) Cwiak, Taylor Marie Kaniewski, and Thomas “T.J.” Kaniewski Jr. Proud great-grandmother of Matthew, Tyler, Sarah, Ryan, Addison, Emily, Alani and Caroline. Loving aunt of Sandy (Ken) Nielsen and many other nieces, nephews and several lifelong friends. Longtime employee of Nathan Hale School (Crestwood) Media Center. A very special thank you to everyone at Palos Community Hospital Hospice for the loving care of our mother in our time of need. Immediate cremation per Mary Ann’s wishes, with a memorial service on Saturday, October 17, 2015, from 1:00pm until the time of prayer service at 3:00pm at the Becvar & Son Funeral Home, 5539 W. 127th Street, Crestwood. Luncheon to follow. We love you mom, and miss you. We know you are now happily dancing the polka with Dad. Info: **(708) 824-9000** or **[www.becvarfuneralhome.com](http://www.becvarfuneralhome.com)**.



## Reminder: Register for “5th Annual Salute to the Armed Forces”

The 5th Annual “Salute to the Armed Forces” will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Alsip located at 5000 W. 127th Street. Men and women from all branches of the service will be honored for serving their country with pride and dedication at a ceremony to be held **Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 1pm**. All honorees must pre-register to attend. Doors open at 12:00pm.

Registration is required. If you wish to be honored at this patriot ceremony, you must register for the event. Please list your name, branch of service, phone number, email address and number of guests attending. Please RSVP by October 13th. Call Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy’s Office at (708) 389-2125, or fax information to (708) 389-2240.

This celebration is proudly presented by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Vitas Healthcare, Dignity Memorial and Double Tree Hotel by Hilton.

## Worth Township Senior Bus Trip to Go Back to 1940s

Travel back in time to the era when America’s Greatest Generation was pulling together for victory, and when big bands ruled the charts. The Worth Township Senior Bus Trip will take place **Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 2015**. Starting from Worth Township, the bus will depart at 10:00am and head to Chandler’s Chophouse (401 N. Roselle in Schaumburg), where guests will enjoy lunch and a show. Lunch to include: Roasted Sirloin of Beef, Roast Turkey Breast, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Mostaccioli, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Fresh Baked Rolls, Chocolate Mousse, and Beverage, served family style.

After lunch, the Legacy Girls will bring you back to the ’30s and ’40s with their tribute to America’s wartime sweethearts, the Andrews Sisters. Join them on this toe-tappin’ journey back to hits like “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree,” “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” and “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.”

Reservations are required. Registration forms and payments (\$62; includes lunch, show and coach bus) are due Friday, Sept. 25th. For more information or to reserve your place, call (708) 371-2900 x15.





# Fun & Entertainment

\*Sudoku and Crossword Answers appear in next issue

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING FOR CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS!

### CRESTWOOD RESIDENTS

are invited to place free advertisements in the Crestwood Adviser. Free classified ads are offered to Village of Crestwood residents only and are limited to 20 words or less and can include information related to the following items:

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## SUDOKU

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 - 9, without repeating any.

			4					
		4	5	2	3	1		
6						3		5
			9				7	
	7	2		4		9	3	
	8				1			
8		3						9
		9	2	3	7	5		
					4			

## September Sudoku Solution

4	1	2	9	7	3	5	8	6
9	5	7	8	1	6	2	4	3
8	3	6	2	4	5	9	1	7
5	2	9	3	8	1	7	6	4
3	7	1	6	5	4	8	2	9
6	8	4	7	2	9	3	5	1
7	9	5	4	6	2	1	3	8
2	6	3	1	9	8	4	7	5
1	4	8	5	3	7	6	9	2

## September Crossword Solution

A	B	B	A		S	O	F	I	A		E	C	H	O
D	R	I	P		A	L	O	N	G		E	R	I	C
M	A	C	H	I	N	E	G	U	N		L	U	S	T
			I	C	E			R	A	I	S	E		
G	O	O	D	Y		T	H	E	I	R		L	T	D
M	A	R			T	O	U	S	L	E		E	A	R
T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E			F	E	R	R	Y
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S	O	N			E	R	R	I	N	G		I	O	U
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			U	R	T	S	Y			D	U	O		
H	A	L	O			C	O	M	P	R	E	S	S	E
O	P	E	C			U	N	A	R	Y		E	A	S
P	E	R	K			E	S	T	E	S		S	P	E

### ACROSS

- Synthetic
- Psychologist with the dogs
- Bad (2 wds.)
- Woman hero
- Like
- Bullets
- Negative (prefix)
- Comes before a vowel
- Honey eater
- Mont \_\_\_\_
- Dirt
- Scientist's office
- Entertain
- South southeast
- Composition
- Self-esteem
- Refastens
- Earlier form of a word
- Crazes
- Caesar's three
- Brooch
- Benign
- Vowel

- No Nonsense competitor
- BB association
- Not as assertive
- Boxer Muhammad
- Brand of cotton tipped sticks
- Vane direction
- Finished
- Salaam
- A fox's hole (2 wds.)
- Movie alien
- Band instrument
- Little Mermaid's love
- Washington (abbr.)
- Brownish-black coal
- S American country
- What pepper makes you do
- Hawk

### DOWN

- Render capable

- Cheerful or bright
- Road (abbr.)
- Seaweed substance
- Turkey
- Former cpaital of Malawi
- Plural for pennies
- Creative work
- Empty
- Roman 51
- Jacqueline Kennedy \_\_\_\_
- Voiced
- Megalith
- Carriage
- Adjoin
- Fall mo.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Expiring
- Gives off
- Dimensions
- Final inning
- Lubricate
- Gorilla

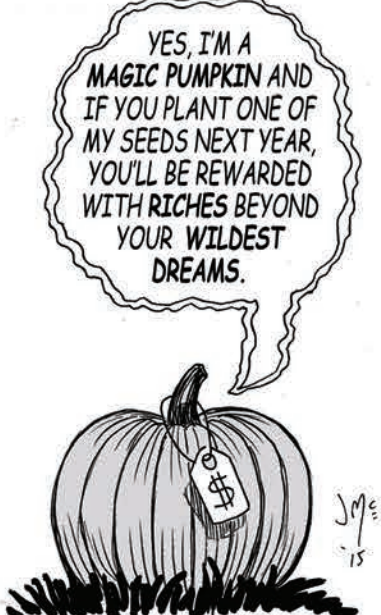
- Jell-O
- Aegis
- Main dish
- Slips
- Leered
- Restoration
- Jacket parts
- Halter part
- Give a new title
- Repeat
- Pancake need
- Color
- Harmful rain
- Laundry detergent brand
- Anger
- Appliance brand
- North Dakota (abbr.)

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### Contract Analyst – Illinois Tollway, Downers Grove

- The Contracts Analyst (CA) position requires a Bachelor degree.
- A minimum of five (5) years of contracting/acquisition or internal control equivalent experience may be considered.
- The CA must possess excellent written and oral communication skills required for maintaining effective working relationships with consultants and construction field personnel, and have interpretive skills that include attention to detail for complex contract document analysis.
- The ability to coordinate numerous responsibilities, effective organizational and time-management skills, knowledge of computer operating systems, and problem-solving skills are a must.
- Experience in project accounting procedures and construction documentation, and knowledge of Tollway operations and procedures, are a plus.
- The incumbent must possess the ability to work successfully under stressful conditions to meet critical deadlines efficiently and effectively.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and Outlook is required.



### Office Supervisor/Cash Handling – Illinois Tollway, Downers Grove

- High School graduate of equivalent is required.
- Associates Degree in Accounting or related field is desired.
- Aptitude with math and accounting is required.
- Previous experience in a banking environment and or related field is required.
- Strong auditing background is required.
- Working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Outlook is required.
- Incumbent must have strong analytical abilities, the ability to accomplish a volume of activity on a schedule.
- An extensive background check is required.

Moraine Valley Community College’s Fall Job Fair will be held Thursday Oct. 15, 2015.



### Fall Job Fair at Moraine Valley

Employers from all industries who have position openings are invited for Moraine Valley Community College’s Fall Job Fair on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 2:00-5:00pm. The fair will be held in the Moraine Business and Conference Center, Building M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The Fall Job Fair is a prime opportunity for employers to recruit students, graduates and community members to fulfill employment needs. The job fair attracts an average of 500 job seekers from diverse backgrounds.

The registration fee is \$105 for a six-foot table and lunch for two recruiters. Registration may be completed on the college’s website at [www.morainevalley.edu/jrc](http://www.morainevalley.edu/jrc). Please click on “events.”

Space is limited and restrictions apply as commission-only positions and undisclosed third-party recruiting will not be included. For more information about the fair, call the Job Resource Center at **(708) 974-5313**, or email [jrc@morainevalley.edu](mailto:jrc@morainevalley.edu).

**FALL CLASSES start Aug. 17. Register now!**

**I WILL**  
prepare our students.

*Sam Chen, professor of Biology*

Teaches general biology, anatomy and physiology, and human anatomy and physiology courses.

Earned a master’s degree in nursing and worked for three years as a critical care nurse so he could bring his firsthand knowledge back to the classroom.

How will YOU fill in the blank?  
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### Crestwood History: Did You Know?

- It was in 1969 that Chester “Chet” Stranczek was sworn in as mayor, having campaigned on his vision for Crestwood as a developed community with a firm tax base.
- In 1993, the Crestwood became the first community in the U.S. to refund surplus funds to its homeowners, bringing national recognition to the Village.
- The “Peer Jury” system was adopted by the Crestwood Police Department’s youth division in 1995, whereby teens were used to hear cases involving juveniles with non-serious crimes like

vandalism, curfew and minor theft, and to pass sentences, resulting in thousands of community service hours to benefit the Village.

- Free garbage pickup for all residents was established in the Village in 1971.





# SPORTS



The Windy City Ice 18 U blue team, coming off of a disappointing loss to the Michigan Finesse, were more determined to prove themselves and capture a bid to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame tournament. The weekend’s weather was a factor, shortening up game times and making the bracket a single elimination. The girls played well but did not receive the opportunity to complete the tournament. This fed the fire within these young ladies, who produced a 5-and-2 record in the tournament the following weekend. They went one and one in pool play and received the second seed in the bracket, and a bye in the first round.

In the pool play, they defeated the Roselle rockers 8-3, and lost to the Mizuno Hawks 5-1, giving up four unearned runs. Young ladies of the Windy City Ice blue team prided themselves on defense and turned that bad situation into something positive. The girls rallied the next games to play outstanding defense while the pitchers hit their spots and gave their opponents very little opportunity to hit the ball hard. But if the pitchers made a mistake, the

## Ice Girls Are Oklahoma Bound

defense had their backs. The 18 U blue team went through the bracket, staying undefeated until the championship game when they came up short, losing to the Hawks by a score of 7-2. Once again the girls had to rally behind that disappointing loss and had to play the IF game. They would have to win this game to claim the championship and the bid to Oklahoma City.

All four pitchers, Lauren Stoch, Natalie Johnson, Rachel Kubisz and Courtney Blackwell worked together to earn a team ERA of 1.695 along with the whip of 1.3, two shutouts and two saves. These four players should be commended on a job well done throughout the tournament.

The pitchers did have a little help from their friends on the field, starting with Skylor Hilger of Shepard, who made ESPN-moment plays that make your head spin time and time again. Then there’s Molly Murphy, the girl who replaced Breanna Graffeo’s position on this team. (Graffeo is now playing at SXU.) Molly showed up big to make outstanding diving plays, and making the hard plays look routine. Gabbie Brent and Taylor Sterkowitz of Oak Forest High School played the right side with determination, and between both of them did not record an error the whole tournament. Angela Elias and Tiffany Buis did an awesome job behind the plate, handling the pitchers and controlling the defense. The outfielders proved their value, making play after play and throw after throw

throughout the tournament. Amber Andersen and Stacey Lorenz, who play the corner outfield positions, were on top of their game, not letting a ball that was in the air touch the ground. In the semifinal game, Sam Berghoff and Jill Ackermann had a collision in left center that left Jill catching the ball, but sustaining an injury that earned her a lot of pain and a trip to the hospital, in spite of her protests to continue playing. The girls rallied behind Jill and won the game 5-0, leaving them the only undefeated team in the bracket.

With the losers bracket completed, the championship game between the Mizuno Hawks and the Windy City Ice blue began. The first game saw the Ice unfortunately losing 7-2, leading to the IF game. The girls dug deep and with the battle cry, “This is for Jill,” ignited the players to shine with outstanding defense, great pitching and timely hitting for the win. All three pitchers came through with a big shutout on a strong-hitting Hawks team. Sam Berghoff, Taylor Sterkowitz and Hilger combined for six hits and four RBIs. Johnston received the win while Blackwell got the save and Kubisz got a hold.

The team’s accomplishments will allow them to play on the field where the College World Series is held every year. It’s a wonderful opportunity for these young ladies who keep astonishing their parents and coaches every year!



Under the leadership of Coaches Dan Grunauer and Kelsey Clifford, Shephard High School's Lady Astros are making a serious go for the state championship.

## Lady Astros Firing On All Cylinders

Over the years, Shepard High School has had moderate success in volleyball and softball but due to the fact that they have had two of the hardest working coaches in the area. These programs are now stating a fact: “You have to go through them” to get to the conference championship. Dan Grunauer, and Kelsey Clifford are the coaches who are bringing a strong work ethic to their players to accomplish their goals as teammates and as Shepard athletes.

Dan Grunauer, has prepared his varsity volleyballers to be one of those dominant teams right off the bat claiming the eighth position right behind Mother McAuley, Marist, Sandberg and the two Lincoln Ways North and East. After a couple of weeks into the season, they moved themselves up to the sixth position. This was possible through outstanding play of Caroline Graham, Abby Graham, Kendall Yerkes and Amanda Carberry. These players lead the area in different

categories such as kills, assists, service points, aces and digs. These accomplishments are all well and good, but it does not complete the team. It’s the young ladies that fill in and do the little things that make a team run on all cylinders on the court. But the team effort does not stop there — the girls on the bench waiting for their opportunity while keeping their teammates up and playing hard have a significant role in every victory. Their battle cry is ”N.O.W.O.W.U.,” which stands for “No one will out work us” and since Coach Dan Grunauer has made this the team’s code to work by, his program has become more consistent and successful year after year.

The sky is the limit with for this high-flying volleyball team that Shepard High School is putting on the court! If you have a chance, you should come out and support the local girls in our area who are putting themselves on the line to bring home a state championship to their school.



The Alan B. Shepard High School Junior Varsity Golf Team won the SSC Championship in the Red Division Tournament.

## Astros Go 1-2-3, Win SSC Championship

Alan B Shepard High School’s JV boy’s golf ball team headed out to Cog Hill Country Club to battle the course and their opponents in the SSC Championship. With determination, these young men performed admirably, taking the top three positions in the conference championship. But this team did not stop there — they also claimed the sixth and eighth positions. This placed five of their players in the top 10, number one being Trevor Lorek, who shot an 86 to claim the first place position. Second place was Adam Alleruzzo, shooting an 87, and Jake Yerkes also shot an 87 to claim the third spot. Eric Bruesch shot a 91 which put him in the six spot for the Astros. And the eighth spot went to Andrew Alheim who shot a 93. This outstanding effort gave the Astros an easy claim to the SSC Championship in the Red Division Tournament. Congratulations go out to coach Bill Neubauer and his team on a dominating performance! Good Luck on your next championship match!